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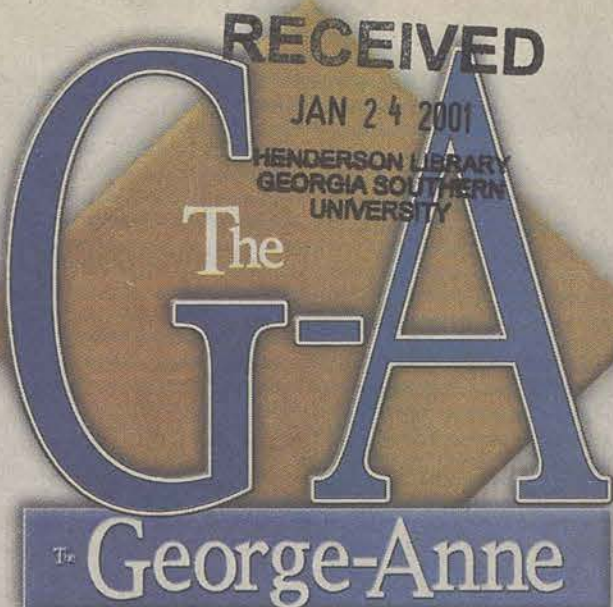


SPORTS

Women's basketball defeats Davidson 78-62

GSU women's basketball went on the road to stomp Davidson Monday night

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LIFE

Georgia Satellites to play at Horizons Thursday night

Check out the Georgia Satellites Thursday at Horizons at 10 p.m. They will "jingle lingle ling" into the 'Boro



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Sterling Pines comes to the 'Boro

• Joins the list of off-campus housing available to students

By Teresa Southern
Staff Writer

Sterling University Pines Collegiate Residences (SUPCR), is the newest apartment complex in the 'Boro. Opening in August, the apartments will be located on Lanier Dr., next to Buffalo's. The complex has an ideal location for off-campus living since it is not too far from campus. The new complex offers several amenities such as washer and dryer, microwave, walk-in closets, and many more. It will also offer many other options that other apartments do not, such as free Ethernet. The Ethernet is basically high speed Internet service, similar to what GSU has in their computer labs. This will be provided to all residents with a computer. For those without a computer there is a 24-hour com-

puter lab available with a copy machine and a fax machine. The other amenity offered by this housing community is fully furnished apartments. Each apartment comes with living room furniture that includes a couch, a single chair, coffee table and end tables. Each bedroom includes a full bed, a dresser, a computer desk, and separate jacks for phone and Internet lines.

Also on the property is the clubhouse that houses a Fitness Center, with a resort style pool, a hot tub, volleyball and basketball courts and a billiards room. Some other things that the community offers is the SUH cares program that is a 1-800 number that residents can call for special needs and for any suggestions or comments that they may have. They also offer professional on-site manage-

ment that is similar to the above program, and 24-hour emergency maintenance.

Lisa Simmons, Community Manager of SUPCR talked about how the property owners want to get involved with the residents.

"We want to do more for them instead of just collecting their rent," she said. They have planned a welcome back party for residents in the fall with a drawing for 1,000 cash as one of the main events.

Leases are by the room and the prices start at \$320 per room for three-bed/three bath, \$295 per room for a four-bed/two bath, and \$310 for a four-bed/4 bath.

The entire complex is close to being full; therefore, those interested must act fast. Contact SUPCR at (912) 681-2234 or at www.suhpines.com.



Andrea Sutton

NEW APARTMENT COMPLEX IN THE 'BORO: Sterling Pines, Statesboro's newest apartment complex, which is being constructed on Lanier Drive next to Buffalo's will be open by August of 2001.



Andrea Sutton

Rushing resigns as SGA senator

By Jake Hallman
Staff Writer

"Meeting every Wednesday night, and committees and reviewing, and typing, and not getting a paycheck for it... I'm behind on my rent," Zach Rushing said.

"I could use the extra hours at work. There are just other things I'd really like to do that aren't SGA-related. If I was getting a paycheck, some of this problem wouldn't be there."

Rushing, a Student Government Association senator, announced his resignation from that body in last Wednesday's meeting. Rushing served as a senator this year after an unsuccessful bid for the SGA presidency last year and said he would not run for that office again.

"For the most part, it's been a little bit of shock that the guy who started a lot of hoopla is now walking away," he said.

After Rushing lost the presidency election last year to Joyce Estrada, he launched an appeal that led to the recall of the elections. In the second set, Rushing ran instead for a Senate post, and then SGA President Aaron Nicely was elected to a second term, with Rushing's support.

Nicely was replaced as president earlier this year by Francys Johnson when he was deemed ineligible for the post because of enrollment problems due to a financial aid error.

Though he bears no hard feelings toward SGA, Rushing explained that the body has become near-sighted.

"I really wish that the current ad-

ministration and SGA members would focus more on the concerns of students, not the concerns of themselves and those immediate to them. I think that many senators suffer from a lack of vision, in that they don't see a bigger scope beyond themselves of the people they may run into on a day-to-day basis," Rushing said.

"They need to realize SGA's about more than the four or five people they may hang out with regularly, or the 20 people they may talk to on campus. It's about the whole student body. Some senators, not all, need to remember that."

Though Rushing is disappointed with his latest turn of events, he is hopeful about the future of SGA.

"In many ways, I've let myself down. Had I become president, would I still face these problems or still be quitting? That's all hit-and-miss, here-and-there," he said.

"If I'm letting down anyone who voted for me, don't feel distressed. There are several senators who share my earnest beliefs, and these senators will listen to your complaints and your praise. I really believe that if people who supported me will support the senators in office now, they will have no problem getting their voices out there and heard."

As one of the authors of the new, yet-to-be-ratified SGA constitution, Rushing said he will continue in that role. "I'm not giving up. I'm still a member of the Constitutional Review Committee, which will be very pivotal as we go into the elections next year," he explained.

Study finds college athletes more likely to drink than non-athletes

The Associated Press

The stereotype of hard-drinking college jocks may have something to it. A study finds college athletes generally outdrink nonathletes.

Alcohol-control education programs don't seem to make a difference, athletes drank more even though they were quicker to notice

messages against drinking, the researchers said.

An NCAA official, however, countered that the Harvard research team was making too much of the drinking and too little of the value of the alcohol-control programs.

"Some of the findings are highly suggestive that the team atmosphere may help to promote some of these heavy drinking behaviors," said Toben F. Nelson of Harvard's School of Public Health. Nelson was lead author of the article in the American College of Sports Medicine journal Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise.

The study looked at questionnaire responses from 12,777 college students, including 2,172 athletes in 130 four-year colleges around the nation in 1997.

Among men, 57 percent of athletes reported at least one binge drinking episode, defined as five or more drinks in a row on one or more occasions in the past two weeks. In comparison, less than 49 percent of nonathletes drank that much.

Among women, 48 percent of athletes and 40 percent of nonathletes reported binge drinking, defined for females as four straight drinks in the same period.

Athletes overall were 50 percent more likely to say they usually binged when they drank.

And athletes were more likely than nonathletes to have social conditions that raised the likelihood of binge drinking, the study said.

For instance, athletes were 47 percent more likely to say 70 percent or more of their friends were binge drinkers, 45 percent more likely to say they had 5 or more close friends, and 55 percent more likely to say parties are important, the study said.

"Drinking is a highly social activity, and it's not very hard to get to a party," said Henry Wechsler, the study's senior author.

Education campaigns did not deter drinking, the study said.

Athletes reported a significantly higher level of exposure to alcohol education, but the exposure did not decrease their drinking. In fact, the bigger drinker tended to be people who reported seeing more anti-drinking education messages. This may mean that antidrinking messages were more common on campuses where there was more drinking, the study said. However, it also was a sign that the messages weren't working, Wechsler said.

It will take a multifaceted approach to control the drinking, including pressure from coaches, trainers, team physicians and administrators, Wechsler said. "In our data, the strongest reason athletes give for choosing not to drink is that it interferes with their athletics," he said.

Critics, however, think things are not as bad as the report indicates.

The differences in drinking behaviors between athletes and nonathletes generally are modest, said psychologist Kenneth Sher of the University of Missouri, Columbia. And the paper doesn't indicate whether the athletes'

edge in drinking developed on campus or arrived with them from high school, he said.

The Harvard study "makes the problem look bigger than it actually is," said Mary Wilfert, program director for health and safety at the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

For one thing, most students were not binge drinkers, she said. Also, other studies have reported that nonathlete fraternity members outdrink athletes, she said.

And even though a drinking problem exists, publicizing reports that a lot of drinking occurs on campus makes the problem worse by giving impressionable young students the idea that they must drink to fit into campus life, Wilfert said.

As for alcohol-control education messages, "Harvard ignores ones that have demonstrated impact," Wilfert said. Successful programs hammer home the idea that most students don't drink too much, she said. Showing that binge drinking isn't the norm encourages students to control their drinking, she said. NCAA supports demonstration projects on this "social norm" approach to fighting alcohol abuse, she said.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism has a panel of college presidents and researchers looking at how to control alcohol on campus. Cochair Mark Goldman of the University of South Florida would not comment on the panel's report, which is expected this summer. In general, however, multifaceted approaches seem more effective than education-only campaigns, because students already know what's wrong with drinking too much, he said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things to do at GSU January 23-24

• NAACP presents a \$1500 scholarship info session in Union room 2048 @ 8p.m.
January 24
 • Zeta Phi Beta Sorority invites all interested women to learn more about the organization. Meet in Union room 2042 at 7:20 p.m.
January 25-29
 • Pi Sigma Epsilon will hold a Spring Orientation on Jan. 25, 26, and 29 in COBA room 1124 at 5 p.m. Open to all business and communication majors. For more info contact Monee at 489-4058.

January 28

• NAACP will present a Gospel Concert at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom. Admission is \$2 at the door.

February 5-9

• NAACP week begins Feb. 5 with a General Meeting at 6 p.m. in room 2080 of the Russell Union.

February 6

• NAACP presents "The Ultimate Threat to the Black Race" at 6 p.m. in the commons area of the Russell Union.

February 7

• "Black Awareness" by the NAACP in the commons area at 6 p.m.

February 8

• NAACP talent Show/Step-show in the Ballroom at 7 p.m.

February 9

• NAACP Youth Emphasis Day II (an all day event with the kids of Statesboro).

Ongoing

• GSU's NAACP meets every Monday in Russell Union room 2080 at 6 p.m.
 • Academic Resource Center will be offering free tutoring in the Library Ground Floor, room 1001 in the following courses: English, Biology, Sociology, Math, Algebra, Probability, Physics and Chemistry. Call 681-0321 for more information.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Public Safety January 19

• Jonathon Paul Moore, 19, Watson Hall, was charged with violation of the Georgia Controlled Substance Act.

January 20

• Jasmine Craig reported several keys, \$15 in cash, a carton of cigarettes and several makeup items were taken from her room in Oliff Hall.

January 21

• Brian C. McEachin, 19, Hazelhurst, was charged with DUI, open container violation and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Statesboro Police Department January 19

• Kiana dancie, 23, 88 Eagle Suites, was

arrested for simple battery and criminal trespass.

January 20

• Graham G. Swartz, 19, Peachtree City, reported criminal trespass.

January 21

• Codi Rico Johnson, 19, 215 Raymond St., was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

• James Daniel Bulloch, 20, Pembroke, was arrested for DUI, driving on suspended license and no tag.

January 22

• Erin Jones, 20, 104 Catherine Ave., reported criminal trespass.

• Kathryn Amalie Ewaldson, 21, 142 Main St., reported a suspicious person.

• Julie Carnes, 25, 6922 Fordham Rd., reporting someone entering an auto.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the Georgia News Brief in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Leigh-Anne Burgess, news editor.

Authorities say student's killer set fire to hide crime

The Associated Press

ATHENS - Investigators continue to search for clues in the slaying of a University of Georgia law student whose body was found in her burning house, the first murder of a student at the university in nearly nine years.

Assistant police Chief Mark Wallace said authorities believe the fire was started to conceal the slaying of Tara Louise Baker, 23, a first-year law student from Lovejoy.

Police have not released details of an autopsy conducted Saturday, the day after Baker's body was found. Satur-

day would have been her 24th birthday.

Not since 22-year-old Jennifer Stone, a senior journalism major from Roswell, was found strangled in her off-campus apartment in April 1992 has a University of Georgia student been murdered. No one has been charged in Stone's death.

Authorities expect to talk with everyone who lives in Baker's neighborhood about what they may have seen, Wallace said.

"We're optimistic that we can solve this murder," he said Saturday.

Baker lived in a one-story brick house with two roommates, neither of whom were in Athens on Friday morning, Wallace said. The house sits in a collection of rental properties, duplexes, townhouses and other small stand-alone houses, in an area where the majority of residents are college students.

Eighteen to 20 University of Georgia students die in an average year, university spokesman Tom Jackson said. The circumstances of Baker's death "only serve to heighten our grief," he said.

"We are horrified and profoundly saddened at the loss of a life so full of promise," he said Saturday.

Baker kept in touch with her 1995 graduating classmates from Lovejoy High School on the class Web site.

She told them of graduating from Georgia College & State University in 1998 with degrees in political science and legal assistance.

She said that she took a couple of years off to work in various law firms as a real estate paralegal. She explained she was "trying to get up the nerve to go back to school. Apparently it worked, because I just started my first year of law school at the University of Georgia (GO DAWGS!!)." She wrote her bio sketch last October. Her class had a reunion in December.

"It's really a tragedy. She was one of the kindest people," said Carin Burford, a former roommate and second-year law student.

This Week's Weather

Today

Partly cloudy with a high of 59 and a low of 41.

Thursday

Partly cloudy with a high of 57 and a low of 26.

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GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

Ga. Legislature returns to Old Capitol in Milledgeville

The Associated Press

MILLEDGEVILLE - By most accounts, the 1861 vote to secede from the Union was the most noteworthy event to happen at the old Georgia Capitol in Milledgeville.

There is no chance of a similar history-making vote when the Legislature meets in the renovated building Tuesday for a rare session away from Atlanta. The lawmakers aren't scheduled to do anything more than listen to a speech by Gov. Roy Barnes and attend a reception.

But the session will be significant in that it commemorates 250 years of representative government in Georgia. The first assembly of elected representatives in Georgia took place Jan. 15, 1751, in Savannah, when 16 representatives met to deal with grievances affecting the fledgling colony.

The statehouse in Milledgeville, now a part of the Georgia Military College campus, has been renovated in a \$10 million project. It served as the seat of Georgia's government for 61 years in the 1800s.

The last time the Legislature convened at the old Capitol was in 1866,

a year after the end of the Civil War. The building, vandalized by Union troops under Gen. William T. Sherman, had plaster falling off its exterior walls. Public documents were rotting downstairs because the basement was so damp.

Legislators authorized the governor to make repairs, assuming they would return to Georgia's antebellum capital for their next session. They never did.

Their next meeting in 1868, and every one thereafter, was in Atlanta.

The earliest Capitol in Milledgeville may have looked considerably different from the building that stands today. In 1831, the first of three major fires damaged the structure. Each time, it was rebuilt.

"Except in the very foundation, nothing remains of the original 1805, 1806, 1807 fabric of the building," said Bob Wilson, a history professor at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville.

Betty Snyder, who heads up Georgia's Antebellum Capitol Society, said she doesn't believe that original design lasted long.

She said it gave way to a Gothic-revival structure with crenelated towers like a medieval castle, making it one of the first public buildings in the nation designed that way.

"Sir Walter Scott and the whole Gothic revival was going on in other parts of the country and was particularly popular in the South," Wilson said. "I think that had something to do with it."

In addition to the renovated Capitol, Milledgeville's lawmakers will give their colleagues a tour of the old governor's mansion, now part of Georgia College & State University.

"I want 'em to see the mansion. That's a major impetus with us," said Rep. Bobby Parham, D-Milledgeville.

The mansion has been the subject of a political feud between those who want to take it away from the Board of Regents, citing inadequate care for the historic landmark, and others who want it to remain a part of the state college.

Mansion supporters hope the Legislature will approve \$5 million to \$8 million over the next few years to restore it.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

U. S. experts sent to help fight spill off Galapagos

The Associated Press

UERTO BAQUERIZO, Galapagos Islands - A U.S. team set up equipment Monday to transfer diesel fuel from damaged tanks aboard a ship that has dumped 150,000 gallons of oil, posing a threat to creatures great and small, from algae to iguanas to sea lions, off this fragile natural treasure where Charles Darwin forged his theory of evolution.

"The bottom line is once oil gets out of a ship it's virtually impossible to remove it or contain it on the ocean," said Coast Guard Cpt. Edwin Stanton, part of an American team sent to try to help.

Ecuadorian Environment Minister Rodolfo Rendon said the spill had already caused "extremely grave" environmental damage.

The Ecuadorian tanker, which began leaking fuel Friday, was lying tilted sharply toward its right side about 550 yards (500 meters) from San Cristobal Island.

San Cristobal is one of the Galapagos Islands, which are famous for their giant tortoises and rare species of birds and plants.

Charles Darwin developed his theory of evolution by studying wildlife on these islands in the Pacific Ocean 600 miles (1,000 kilometers) off Ecuador's coast.

The team of U.S. experts, including 10 members of the U.S. Coast

Guard's pollution response National Strike Force, arrived late Sunday with specialized oil spill equipment such as inflatable oil containment barges and high-capacity pumps.

Stanton told The Associated Press that his team would attempt to transfer remaining fuel spilling through the ruptured hull to empty storage tanks that are still intact within the ship.

But he said pounding surf and shifting pressure within the vessel could cause the tanker to break apart.

As of Sunday, 150,000 gallons of fuel had leaked, Rendon said, and slicks had affected a 117-square-mile (300-square-kilometer) area.

Rendon said surf pounding the tanker Jessica, which ran aground Tuesday in a bay off San Cristobal, has opened up new fissures in its hull, speeding up the rate of the leak. The ship carried 243,000 gallons of diesel.

He said the spill was heading south and could reach Santa Fe, a small island 37 miles (60 kilometers) west of San Cristobal famed for the Santa Fe land iguana, a species that is found nowhere else in the world.

Experts said curtailing the flow of escaped fuel is almost impossible now.

"The bottom line is once oil gets out of a ship it's virtually impossible to remove it or contain it on the ocean," said Stanton.

Galapagos National Park biologist Mauricio Velasquez said the long-term danger is that the fuel will sink to the ocean floor, destroying algae that is vital to the food chain, threatening marine iguanas, sharks, birds and other species.

Velasquez said the current was also pushing the spill south, and that within days it could reach Espanola Island, where large colonies of sea lions and other marine animals congregate.

Floating nets and barriers have been set up to control the spill, but officials said slicks had reached nearby beaches and harmed at least 11 sea lions, which were expected to live. Some 20 birds, including blue-footed boobies, pelicans and albatrosses, also were affected.

Also Sunday, Ecuadorian President Gustavo Noboa demanded a "detailed report" on the cause of the accident, which officials have attributed to navigational error.

Police on San Cristobal said no charges had been filed against the ship's captain, Tarquino Arevalo, who remained on the island Sunday, or against his company, Acotramar.

Aldo Villota, a Peruvian surfer, ignored the penetrating odor on the beaches just north of this port of some 4,000 people.

After he emerged, he said, his swimming trunks, body, hair and surf board "were stained with something oily and dark."

HEALTH SERVICES

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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Iowa

It couldn't get much worse...

ELKADER—Joanne Gray can't help but be optimistic about what the rest of 2001 holds for her family. After a pole barn collapse, two barn fires and a house fire, she's the first to admit, "It can't get any worse."

Gray and her family have a dairy farm in northeast Iowa.

On Jan. 3, a pole barn attached to the family's hay barn collapsed from the weight of snow on its roof. There were no injuries to people or cattle.

But the collapse tore loose some electrical wires, and four days later, fire burned hay bales and damaged the barn's arched roof and hay loft.

On Jan. 9, another fire broke out in the barn, this time caused by spontaneous combustion, according to fire officials. A backhoe was needed to tear out the hay loft so firefighters could reach the blaze.

Then on Jan. 14, fire broke out in the basement of the Gray family house.

As Joanne Gray and her husband, Dean, fled barefoot into the cold fog with their 2-year-old daughter, one of their sons ran a quarter-mile to call for help. The fire had already melted the home's

phone lines.

By the time firefighters arrived, the flames were out because of lack of air, but the entire house and most of the belongings inside were ruined from heavy, black smoke.

The cause of the house fire appears to have nothing to do with the two barn fires. The state fire marshal determined a faulty extension cord behind a couch in the basement started that fire.

The family has moved in with relatives in Elkader as they repair damage at the farm.

Joanne Gray gets emotional when she talks about how family, friends and neighbors have reached out to them.

"We feel so lucky to have such good people behind us. They helped us clean up, move bales, gut the basement and everything. They bring food," she said. "This neighborhood has always been that way."

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South Dakota

MITCHELL — The war on drugs gets easier when suspected dealers take up residence in the same neighborhood as the police.

Just ask Mitchell officers Charlie Larson, who heads the department's detective division, and Robert Mahaffey, a former member of the community's drug task force.

Their observations about the comings and goings at a resi-

dence close to their own homes led to the arrest Thursday of two people on drug-related charges.

"It was Grand Central Station," said Larson, who believes the two knew he was a detective with the MPD.

Mahaffey made similar observations, according to court documents.

Armed with their reports, another officer launched an investigation.

Authorities later arrested Richard Crelly, 20, and Sunny Hollifield, 23. Each have been charged with possession of two ounces of marijuana or less, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The investigation is ongoing and could lead to additional charges, Larson said.

"If you do illegal action involving drugs, you'll get caught," said Larson. "You never know when we're watching."

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Colorado

DENVER — A man who passed himself off as the nephew of the late Shah of Iran could spend up to 10 years behind bars if convicted of entering the country illegally.

Ali Patrick Pahlavi, 51, was charged in federal court on Thursday with using a fake Belgian passport to enter the United

States in April in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

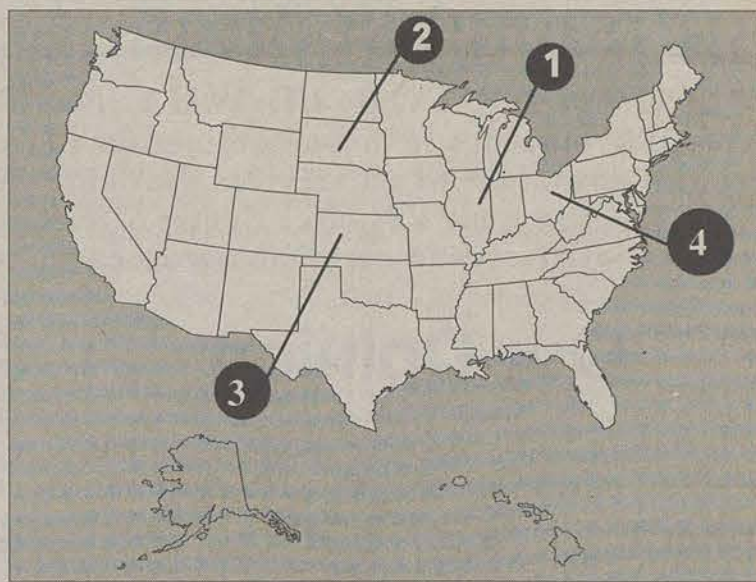
Federal immigration authorities began investigating Pahlavi after he was arrested in December in Denver for allegedly running up a \$21,000 lodging bill at the LoDo Inn, owned by former FBI agent Tom Broemmell and his wife Lani Lee.

Pahlavi also allegedly failed to pay more than \$7,000 to Lee's designer boutique.

The Belgian Embassy told U.S. authorities that Pahlavi's passport was fraudulent and that he was not a Belgian citizen. They said the passport had been stolen in France, according to Jeff Dorschner, spokesman for U.S. Attorney Tom Strickland.

Pahlavi told the innkeepers he was in Denver to open a big motel and to market his patented disposable toothbrush, according to law enforcement authorities.

Authorities said Pahlavi, who allegedly began staying at the 14-room hotel in late September, conned people so well that many of the people he met, including the innkeepers, considered going into business with him.



4 Pennsylvania

BELLEFONTE, Pa. — A 62-year-old man who preferred to do his nighttime gardening either naked or wearing a thong was sentenced to two years' probation for indecent exposure.

Charles Stitzer of Pleasant Gap in Centre County was found guilty of indecent exposure in December for wearing only shoes and a watch while gardening in his backyard the night of June 22.

He testified that he often sat outside naked on summer nights, and that it was too dark for anyone to see him in

the town of 1,700 about eight miles north of State College. He also testified that he often mowed his lawn wearing only a thong.

But a neighbor, Pam Watkins, and her 15-year-old daughter reported him to police when they saw him gardening without clothes. Stitzer said he wanted to persuade Watkins to dim her outdoor floodlights that shined onto his property.

Centre County Judge Charles Brown on Monday ruled that Stitzer would face jail time if he wears anything less than a thong outside.

Bush's first day in office

TMS Campus

WASHINGTON — On his first business day at the White House, President Bush reached out in divergent directions Monday, conferring with Republican congressional leaders, Democratic stalwarts and educators — and reaffirming his opposition to federal funds for organizations that are involved with abortions abroad.

Moving quickly from one briefing to another, from one event to the next, the new president sought to put his personal and political mark on the first week of his administration.

"Today, everything is so promising and new," Bush said at the swearing-in of his staff in an early-morning ceremony in the East Room. "My hope is that the day will never come when any of us take this place for granted, and this honor for granted."

His order to block federal funds to family planning groups involved in abortions overseas came on the 28th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe vs. Wade that legalized abortion. Outside the White House on the National Mall, thousands of abortion opponents gathered to protest the court's decision.

Bush did not address the group, instead sending a statement that was read by Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J.

"We share a great goal: to work toward a day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law," Bush said the statement. "We know this will not come easily, or all at once. But the goal leads us onward: to build a culture of life, affirming that every person, at every stage and season of life, is created equal in God's image."

The president did not mention his order in his statement, but his action would overturn the policy of former President Bill Clinton, who overturned a similar ban imposed by Bush's father when he was president and by Ronald Reagan before him.

Bush's opposition is philosophical and long-standing, said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer. "He'll be making good on a campaign promise that is very well known."

Bush's action was cheered by abortion opponents and derided by abortion-rights supporters.

"This should serve as a wake-up call to anyone who thought Bush would not be a threat to a woman's right to choose," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights League. "He has clearly decided to ignore the will of the American people — a majority of whom are pro-

choice, pro-family planning and voted for a pro-choice candidate in 2000."

Responding, Fleischer said the president believes his action "will help make abortion more rare."

"It is not the wisest use of taxpayer money in any case — to be used for abortions, to promote abortion," Fleischer said.

Bush's order effectively bans federal funds from private organizations that provide abortions or abortion counseling abroad. In all, about \$425 million in federal funds is designated for overseas family planning programs.

"It is my conviction that taxpayer funds should not be used to pay for abortion or advocate or actively promote abortion, either here or abroad," Bush said in his order.

Bush, arriving for work in the Oval Office just before 7:30 a.m., moved quickly from the swearing in of his staff to a meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell to lunch with Republican congressional leaders.

In the afternoon, he met with education leaders on reading issues and Dallas-Washington lawyer Bob Strauss and a handful of other Democratic stalwarts to seek help with his education reforms and his pledge to change the political tone in Washington.

The group included former Sens. Paul Simon of Illinois and John Glenn of Ohio, former Pennsylvania Rep. William Gray, former Carter White House press secretary Jody Powell and Richard Moe, another former Carter administration aide.

"This administration is going to seek the good in everybody," Bush said, "and find that ability to come together for the good of the country as well."

On Tuesday, Bush will send Congress his major education reforms, which he's stressing all week. Next week, he plans to dwell on his faith-based initiatives, followed the next week by his budget proposals, including his plan for \$1.3 trillion in tax relief.

For the Republican congressional leaders invited to lunch Monday in the Cabinet room off the Oval Office, Bush was a welcomed new White House tenant.

"Life is good," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Flower Mound. "I said to my wife this morning ... 'I'm just going to go to the White House with a whole new attitude and start it over.'"

Armey said he found Bush determined to enact the cornerstones of his campaign platform but also pragmatic.

"He has resolve, but he also understands the legislative promise can be cumbersome and is rarely expeditious," Armey said.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said it would take at least until the August recess to approve major portions of the president's top priorities — education and Medicare reforms and tax cuts.

And House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, mindful of a nearly evenly divided Congress, made it clear there would be other challenges, including

Sen. John McCain's crusade for prompt action on his campaign finance reforms — opposed in large part by Bush and many Republicans.

No fan of the reforms, Delay dismissively wished the Arizona Republican good luck.

"That's not the people's agenda," DeLay said after his lunch with the president.

Teens think that forced sex is ok

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Nearly half of Wisconsin teens responding to a new survey say a man can force a woman to have sex under certain circumstances.

The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault distributed the survey to 6,000 Wisconsin households with high school stu-

dents in 1998 and again in 2000.

It found 48 percent of the teens who responded believe alcohol, marriage or prior sexual encounters justify forced sex, said Erin Thornly, coalition executive director.

The survey also found the average age of Wisconsin sexual assault victims in 1998 was 15. The

average age of the perpetrator was 25.

Nearly 78 percent of Wisconsin sexual assault victims were juveniles that year, the survey found.

Thornly said the survey's 25 percent response rate shows teens want to talk about sex. Similar surveys usually see response rates of 3 to 5 percent, she said.

Chickens fall off truck into the middle of I-85

Associated Press

ANDERSON, S.C. — Why was the chicken in the middle of I-85? It fell off the truck.

Actually, many of the chickens falling off trucks heading to a processing plant in Greenville don't walk across Interstate 85, they die on it.

Mike Whitwell, general manager at AmCan Trucking in Williamston, says he started seeing more chicken feathers "spread out along the side of the road and in the middle" about six weeks ago. At least one bird was walking in the median.

There has been a problem recently with chickens being dropped out of trucks

heading from farms in northeast Georgia to processing plants, said

Barry Cronin, manager of Columbia Farms in Greenville.

Cronin said his staff was "working triple time" to reduce the number of chickens on the road.

"What usually happens is someone pulls up in front of the truck, they have to slow or stop, and a door will fall open," Cronin said.

The wire hinge doors on the chicken cages have been tightened and a driver is now following the trucks to pick up any chickens that fall, Cronin said.

Columbia Farms processes about 3

million chickens a year. Trucks carrying the birds are licensed to carry about 80,000 pounds of live chicken.

Those chickens are slaughtered at the Greenville plant and turned into everything from nuggets to fillets.

Anyone who loses part of a load on the highway is responsible for cleanup, said Melvin Merck, maintenance engineer with the Transportation Department. Those who don't do that can face a fine or a ticket for littering.

Whitwell says the chickens don't last very long on the highway.

"You've got a lot of ravens, and I've seen vultures," he said.

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These fees are wasted in the fact that we

pay for the programs and do not use them. Also, students often have to drop classes that they are failing when they could have been tutored to make passing grades, wasting hundreds of dollars. Tutorials are offered in courses such as math, English, Sociology and several other subjects taught at GSU. Each class is held on the ground floor of the library in room 1001 on different days at various times, so check for the tutorial that you need by calling 681-0321. For many, it could make a great difference in your grades this semester. Remember, these programs are here for the students' benefit, so use them.

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I had fun, you will too



**JAKE
HALLMAN**

I went parasailing in Key West. While I was 600 feet up, I tried to moon a cruise ship I was passing over. Hey, it seemed to be the logical thing to do: there were a few hundred people crowded onto the upper deck, all waving at me and wondering at the majestic, angelic Jake that was sailing gracefully through the air.

I got my shorts partially down, just enough to blind the rich Titanic-wannabes with the glare from my altitude-enhanced heiney. Then the straps connecting my humble columnist to the parachute slipped and tightened.

Holding on for dear life (and screaming like a George-Anne assistant lifestyles editor), I flew through the air, suspended by two straps that grabbed my crotch in a vise grip. On the way back down, I got dunked in the ocean.

There are pictures of this incident on the web. Believe me, it looks just as painful as it was. Strangely enough, I got placed as a high tenor in chorus the next fall.

My mom went up afterwards. She got up to speed, and we heard a loud "snap!" The rope had broken. My 29-year-old mother (she reads these columns, y'know) floated gracefully down into the gulf. My brother and I were amazed when she unsnapped her chute a few feet over the water "so I wouldn't be caught under it." We didn't know Mom had Navy SEAL training.

Then, there was the time that I went mountain climbing in Canada. We hit the top of the peak, took our pictures, then the guide told us it was time to head back down before night-fall, since the tops of Canadian mountains tend to get a little chilly when the sun goes down.

We made it around 300 yards when we saw that a size XXL boulder had decided to wake up, rolling just enough to break a few critical pitons.

Ironically enough, the guide told us on the way up that the glacial boulder in question was slowly making its way across the terrain.

"It won't budge for us, though. You'd have to be a turtle to appreciate the way boulders get along, eh?" he said.

The punk guide was great with the travel commentary, but he had neglected to pack enough extra pitons to get us down safely.

Looking at the 40 tons of granite blocking my way back to a nice, warm fireplace and cute Canuck

lodge kittens, I cried.

I can now say with authority that I don't like being stranded on the top of a Canadian mountain overnight. The guide said we were safe, but I didn't have a sleeping bag to protect me from any rampaging bears.

I considered eating my erstwhile climbing companion Rick around 3 a.m. that night. I'm glad I didn't, since a helicopter (love those Mounties) rescued us around 11 the next morning.

And then I got airsick. I cried again.

Once upon the time I exposed myself in the Mellow Mushroom here in Statesboro.

Four times. Dos Equis was good to me that night.

There aren't any pictures of this incident on the web. Hint for future thrill-seekers: don't ever make Mr. Happy say "Hi" in front of the George-Anne editorial staff. People will talk.

Did the above events actually happen? I don't think it really matters. Sure, I've done some cool things in my time, had a few adventures in fact, but they don't do a whole lot for me.

Take Sir Edmund Hillary. He was the first guy to make it to the top of Mt. Everest. If he hadn't told anyone about it, what good would it have done?

The news got out, however. Books were written. The radio flashed the news worldwide. People's imaginations were stoked. The populace suddenly had new aspirations.

Imagine this: what if he *hadn't* gone, but had just made up a really convincing story?

Same effect. Radio, books, etc. People happy.

It doesn't matter if something neat happened when I was parasailing. It doesn't matter if I froze my butt off in Canada one fine February night.

Newsflash, kids: you don't have to do cool stuff if you can have a really, really good story about doing something cool. No risk to life and limb, and everyone's still entertained. A good time is had by all.

Yeah, some people call it "lying." I prefer to think of it as modern mythology, though. Did Zeus ever exist? Did he *really* throw lightning bolts? I think not. People *still* get a kick out of those stories, though, stories that were probably made up by a drunk Greek around a campfire a few thousand years ago.

It's the wave of the future: make your own legends! You'll be popular with the crowd, too. Hey, did I ever tell you about the time I went scuba-diving? There were these sharks, and my regulator started acting funny...

Everybody has a job, just shut up and do yours



**ERIN A.
MERRITT**

When you have a job to do, and you know you have to do it, why is it that some of us feel it is all right to blatantly disregard that? I realize that sometimes things come up, and time just doesn't allow for us to get it all done in one day. But due dates are due dates, regardless, and when we have plenty of notice it shouldn't be so hard to plan a little ahead.

Time management, that little thing they teach you in those wonderful introduction

GSU classes, seems to be a concept that has alluded most of the student population. It never fails, when there is an assignment due in a class, there will be at least one student that doesn't have the assignment. In all likelihood, they spent more time inventing the excuse than they did thinking about the assignment they didn't want to do.

This same lacedisual seems to transfer over into our jobs. Is this the work ethic of our generation? Is this what we have to look forward to? Or are we still growing up? Jobs start to become purely a means for money, and the output

losses it's importance in the race for more money and more prestige. Deadlines mean that a quality product is expected by that date, no exceptions.

So what does it take for our generation to get it together? Obviously the slackers can't piggy-back off the workers forever. All too often it seems someone who will do the work gets stuck doing extra, simply because they care about the product that is associated with their name. Unfortunately, while this is commendable for the diligent worker, the lazy worker learns nothing at all. We've made no progress...

Try to take a few days and

make a things to do list and stick to it. Get your assignments done on time and meet your deadlines, you'll be surprised about how much better you'll sleep at night knowing you've done your work and nothings hanging over your head. Each day will be a new start instead of a continuation of another, until so much is piled back that getting through it all is next to impossible. Be a hard worker, people respect you more and you'll find that you'll have more respect for yourself as well.

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Setting the new world record for pooh-poohing a president



**DAVE
BARRY**

This column takes a back seat to no other column when it comes to declaring that presidential administrations have failed. Back in 1992, this column set a world indoor journalistic record when it formally declared the failure of the Bill Clinton administration a full month before Mr. Clinton actually took office. That is how far "ahead of the curve" this column is.

And so it is high time that this column took stock of the administration of George "W." Bush III Jr. — to evaluate his presidency in a fair and balanced manner, looking not only at Mr. Bush's flaws, but also at his glaring weaknesses. In doing so, this column intends to give the incoming president the benefit of the doubt, in the generous spirit of loser Al "Recount" Gore, who, in his gracious concession speech, called upon the nation to "forget our differences and unite behind our new president, who needs the support of every American, because he has the brain of a sea cucumber."

Despite Mr. Gore's harsh assessment, this column happens to think that Mr. Bush has not been a complete disaster in certain areas, such as high-level appointments. Many of the Bush appointees are experienced Washington hands who held high-

level jobs under George Bush III Sr., Ronald Reagan, Gerald Ford and Warren G. Harding. Unfortunately, when these appointees were subjected to FBI background checks, it turned out that a number of them had, at some point in the past few decades, passed away.

This column is not suggesting that a person should be deemed unqualified to hold high government office merely because that person has kicked the bucket. It makes no difference, for example, who serves as secretary of energy, as evidenced by the fact that for the past two years the post was filled — and very capably — by a Magic 8 Ball. Nobody knows what the Department of Energy does, including its employees, who spend their days waiting for the phone to ring, which never happens, except when the Department of Commerce, which is also bored out of its mind, makes prank calls to ask if the Energy Department's refrigerator is running.

But certain top federal jobs are important. For example, the secretary of state is responsible for taking a large entourage over to the Middle East every two weeks to broker a new historic peace accord. The postmaster general is responsible for ensuring that every American, every working day, receives a stack of unwanted fourth-class mail the height of Al Pacino. And the surgeon general is responsible for carrying on the decades-old quest for a cigarette pack

warning so scary that smokers actually take it seriously ("Whoa! Eye-ball worms! I'm quitting!").

In key jobs such as these, the nation needs "the best and the brightest." That is why this column is concerned about the mental sharpness of some of the older Bush appointees, particularly Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, who recently stated that his highest military priority will be "to stop Lee at Gettysburg."

But what has this column really alarmed is the economy. It does not look good. The trouble began last year, when Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan "Mojo" Greenspan, with no warning, raised interest rates sharply after having what a member of his staff described as a "very upsetting experience" involving the Hair Club for Men. As a result, the nation has been plunged into a recession. Former "dot-com" millionaires are now surviving on roadkill jerky. Sales of Porsche Boxsters and large, absurdly complicated gold watches that tell the phase of the moon have plunged to historically low levels. Bill Gates is down to his last 17

airplanes.

This column has no choice but to blame the recession on the Bush administration. And to those who would argue that Mr. Bush is not responsible for the current economy, this column would respond with a trenchant quotation from the great philosopher Ralph "Waldo" Emerson: "Tough noogies." The president ALWAYS gets credit or blame for the economy, even though he has almost nothing to do with it. Bill Clinton got tons of credit for the good economy of the past eight years, despite the fact that his total contribution consisted of payments to defense lawyers.

So, having carefully considered all factors, this column hereby declares the incoming Bush administration a failure. Do not bother to thank this column: It is only doing its job. And do not become overly alarmed about the future. Instead, consider the inspirational words of one high government official, who, when asked to ponder the fate of this nation, answered, simply: "Reply Hazy, Try Again."

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The George-Anne does not normally print letters of this length, but the writer really wanted this letter printed in its original form.

To GSU, GSU students, and GSU Chapter of the NAACP,

I attended a forum on the Georgia State Flag on December the 5th in the Russell Union sponsored by the GSU chapter of the NAACP. I would like to start out by saying that everyone conducted themselves very well. Very well, that is, until views were voiced contrary to anti-flag supporters. Along with many others, I was very disappointed in the way that the "Key Speaker" Tim Livingston conducted himself. Mr. Livingston had trouble letting people voice their opinion without finding it irresistible to utter some under the breath comment or deliver an out loud bashing which some speakers were so unfortunately, and undeservedly recipients of. With many references made by Mr. Livingston as to how "this is America," he can't even allow the free speech of a person's opinion.

I am disappointed that GSU, and the GSU chapter of NAACP, would sponsor such a biased, unruly and at one point childlike "Key Speaker" to an open forum on the State Flag. Our current SGA president, Francys Johnson, gave a "very touching" speech reciting some of University President Grube's views on making

GSU the most comprehensive institution of higher learning in the region. Mr. Francys feels that the flag is one of the many obstacles preventing us from reaching this objective. "This flag must be removed," he said, "for us to achieve greatness." To that Mr. Francys, I offer to you the suggestion that flag or no flag waving above this campus, the only way we are going to achieve greatness is to offer both sides of equal consideration and control the words and emotions of your fellow supporters to that of an adult level, regardless of the issue at hand. I surely didn't hear any smirks or outbursts when comments were made conveying why some felt the flag was racist and oppressive, but good luck trying to get a comment on why you felt the flag represented your heritage. It was what the forum was all about, right? "THE GEORGIA FLAG: IS IT HATE OR HERITAGE?" If that was suppose to be an open forum, it was the most intentional one sided open forum I have ever experienced. Chalk one up for the GSU chapter of the NAACP. Congratulations!

The primary focus of this forum was that the state flag is a racist symbol which promotes oppression, and that flying it is just a blatant slap in the face to the Black race. Unfortunately, I detected more racism in that room every time someone wanted to voice an opinion other than the Georgia State Flag being a symbol of racism than I have my entire four years spent on this campus. I can not stress as to how poorly some of the students and

adults conducted themselves during that forum on the eve of December the 5th. It was a disappointing realization to find that I attend a campus with students who are failing to live up to the "highest of standards" that are needed to one day make this University as great as President Grube and our new SGA President Johnson are envisioning!

Like many organizations that claim the Confederate Battle Flag, most do not associate with any hate groups and do not practice racism themselves. It was best put, or partly put before interruptions from Mr. Livingston overshadowed a speaker from the Statesboro chapter of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. He pleaded that the symbol we take pride in has been stolen from us and used as we would never have intended. The unfortunate result of this misrepresentation leads to the criticism of groups who feel they have legitimate ties to this controversial symbol. Another very prudent point offered by the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, was that the NAACP is pushing to have the pre 1950's flag reinstated over the capital. Actuality (SIC) it was this exact flag that was flying over the state while some of the harshest times of slavery and oppression were being enacted and even protected under the Constitution of the United States of America. During this time period a black person was only counted as a fraction of a white person. This is quite contradictory. Do you anti-flag supporters even know what you are fighting for?

While this forum was being conducted, the current SGA president posed a question for any "historically white fraternities or sororities" to answer. He wanted to better understand why these groups felt it was appropriate to fly the confederate battle flag around Greek Row, on our vehicles, at our Yell Like Hell's (SIC) or even on our T-shirts. Only one comment was made in response to this question. It was by a member of an off-row fraternity claiming that neither he nor his fraternity had any strong ties to the Confederate Battle Flag. The member did state, however, he knew primarily which organization SGA President Johnson was referring to.

I am assuming, by the statements made, that the fraternity in the spotlight is the Delta Theta chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order of which I am currently the President. It is my conclusion that KA was the Fraternity in this most precarious situation. We do fly the Confederate Battle flag and even participate in an annual celebration commemorating the officers and soldiers who battled under the Confederate States of America. We elected not to voice

any opinions during the forum due to the results that were obtained from views similar to our own. We felt that during such a one sided forum our ideals would only be construed and ostracized. It is unfortunate that I am able to report this, but my chapter along with many other students walked out on the forum after a last, unacceptable mockery of one student's opinion by the "Key Speaker."

A man is chosen for membership into Kappa Alpha Order because his conduct reflects the true chivalric code, a code modified only slightly to suit contemporary society. In other words, we are in no way a hate group, but an order of true gentlemen assembled under one unified ideal and philosophy on life. Kappa Alpha has very deep ties to the greatest Civil War general on either side of the battlefield and one of the finest gentlemen to ever grace the lower forty-eight: Robert E. Lee. Robert E. Lee is KA's spiritual founder and his strong ties to our order are celebrated annually during an event we refer to as Convivium. Robert E. Lee fought under the very flag that now constitutes two thirds of our Georgia

State Flag, and for this reason we feel a tie to this symbol. It is very unfortunate that a symbol that means so much to us can offend others, but you have to understand, we as a fraternity conceiving ways of oppressing anyone through the display of our heritage.

I can speak for all Greeks at GSU, and certainly for Kappa Alpha, when I say that the presence of the Confederate Battle Flag in and around our premises are strictly intertwined with our heritage. These symbols are not related to any underlying contexts of racial oppression. So, to the current SGA president, Francys Johnson, and his question of wanting to further understand the legitimacy of the Greek use of the Confederate Battle Flag, you have now heard what I feel are one fraternity's legitimate claims to the use of a very important, historical Confederate symbol.

Jesse H. Dumas
President of Kappa Alpha Order
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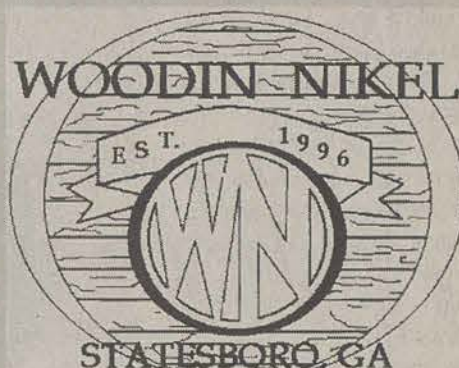
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Lady Eagles rise to third in SoCon

G-A News Service

The Davidson Wildcats closed out the first half of the Southern Conference women's basketball season with a 78-62 loss to the Lady Eagles of Georgia Southern University before a crowd of 207 fans at Belk Arena on Monday night.

Davidson (6-12, 1-8) shot 53.3 percent from the floor and got a game-high 18 points from junior guard Janna Magette (Birmingham, Ala.), but they could not overcome 29 costly turnovers and an equally hot shooting Lady Eagles squad (52.9%). Georgia Southern (12-6, 6-3) had a balanced scoring attack on the evening with Sarah McCary leading the way with 11 points.

The Wildcats once again found themselves in a hole early after Georgia Southern jumped out to an early 10-6 lead. The Wildcats battled back and tied the score at 10 on a Magette jumper with 14:00 left in the first half. Danna Simpson then capped a 9-0 run by the Lady Eagles that the Wildcats were ultimately never able to recover from. Freshman guard Ashley Hallsted (San Mateo, Calif.) drained a three-point basket at the 8:45 mark that pulled Davidson to within just six points, 24-18, but as has happened all season the opposition came roaring back with a run of their own.

This time it was another 9-0 run by Georgia Southern. With a comfortable 15-point lead Georgia Southern maintained its lead for the remainder of the half with Davidson getting no closer than seven points, 36-29, for the rest of the first 20 minutes of action. The Lady Eagles went into the halftime break with a 46-33 lead.

A 12-2 outburst by the Lady Eagles put the Wildcats down 58-35 before the second half was even four minutes old. Davidson cut the lead by two points making it a 21-point deficit at the 12:07 mark of the second half. From there Davidson scored the next 11 points including the final six by freshman center Meghan Bryant (Huntersville, N.C.) to cut the lead in half with 7:29 left to play. Georgia Southern again seized the momentum and pushed the lead back to 16 points with just under four minutes left in the game.

The teams were even on the boards with 25 each. Freshman

forward Robyn Flewelling (Okemos, Mich.) led the Wildcats with five rebounds while Sharon Mitchell pulled down six for the Lady Eagles.

Georgia Southern had 17 steals on the evening that helped contribute to the Wildcats 29 turnovers. Both teams shot well from the free throw line on the evening with Davidson connecting on 11-of-12 for 91.7% and the Lady Eagles making 22-of-29 for 75.9%.

Georgia Southern returns to action this Saturday when it hosts Wofford at 1:00 p.m. in the first game of a doubleheader with the GSU men's basketball team.



Andrea Sutton

THIRD RANK IN SOCON: The Lady Eagles are now ranked third after defeating the Davidson Wildcats Monday night with a score of 78-62. The Eagles will return to action Saturday when they host Wofford at 1:00 pm in Hanner Fieldhouse in a doubleheader with the men's team.

Eagles dissapointingly fall to Western Carolina

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

After all the progress the GSU men's basketball team made in the past two weeks, Monday night's 88-65 loss to cellar-dweller Western Carolina erased much that had been accomplished in the Eagle's three straight conference victories.

GSU, which had held Davidson, Furman, and The Citadel to under forty percent shooting during their season-high streak, reverted to their old form, allowing the Catamounts to shoot 54% from the field. Western Carolina posted five players in double figures, including junior Cory Largent who led the team with 21 points and 12 boards.

The loss dropped to GSU to 7-11 overall, 3-4 in conference while Western Carolina posted their first Southern Conference win of the year and just their third of the season as they improved to 3-14, 1-6.

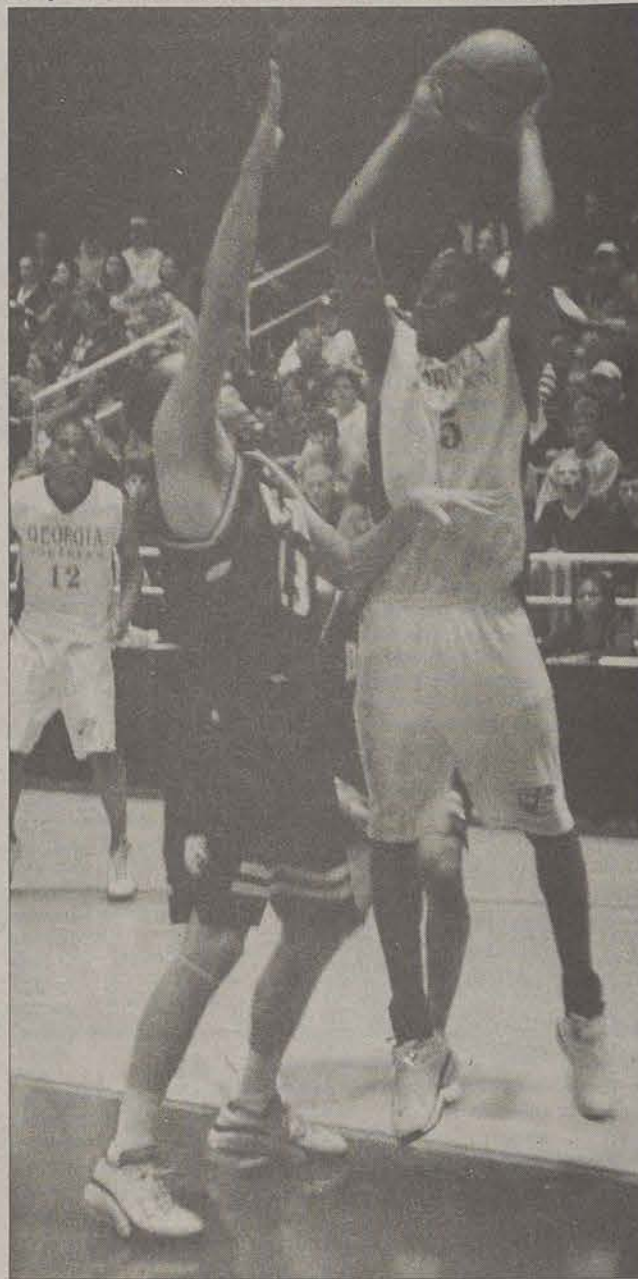
GSU started off slow, falling behind 16-5 in the early going and never really recovered in the first half as Western Carolina raced out to a 44-28 halftime lead. The Eagles mounted a comeback early in the second half, cutting the Catamount lead to 54-44 before Western Carolina put the Eagles away with good defense and poor shooting by GSU. The Catamounts also outrebounded GSU 51-40.

The Eagles shot a season-low 28%, including an even more dismal 6-32 (19%) from behind the three-point line in the loss. Sophomore Julius Jenkins led all Eagles with 14 points and four assists but shot 6-21 from the field, including 2-10 from behind the arc. After hitting 6-of-10 three's in Saturday's win versus The Citadel, senior Todd Shipley found the going tough as he hit just 2-of-

10 from downtown on the way to a 10-point night. Frank Bennett was the only other Eagle player in double figures as the freshman contributed 13 points on a team-leading four-of-nine shooting.

GSU's next game will be Saturday at home versus the

College of Charleston, a team that beat the Eagles three weeks ago in Charleston 86-68. The Cougars will enter the 7:30 p.m. contest atop the Southern Conference's South Division with a 17-2 overall record and as the only SoCon team without a league loss.



Jill Burnham

THE WRONG MOVES: The Eagles made a dissapointing fall against Western Carolina Monday with a score of 88-65. The Eagles had maintained a three-game winning streak, but fell to the Catamounts.

Swimming and diving complete best performance.

Erin Merritt
Deputy Managing Editor

On Saturday, Georgia Southern's Women's Swimming and Diving had their best performance to date. To finish their regular season, the Lady Eagles took on three schools in the Southern States Conference, North Carolina A&T, University of North Florida, and Gardner-Webb. Southern started off the meet taking immediate control by winning the 400 Medley Relay.

The team then rallied to tally five more first place finishes by Lauren Bird in the 200 Individual Medley, Erin Downs in the 200 Butterfly, Melanie Deal in the 200 Backstroke, and Michelle Will in the 3-meter diving. To finish out the meet GSU won the last event, the 400 Freestyle Relay, by out touching University of North Florida by just .24 seconds.

Other big contributors to GSU's triple win were second place finishers Nicole Darrow (200 Backstroke), Lauren Bird (200 Butterfly) and Amanda Gray (500 Freestyle). In addition, Rachel Card (1650 Freestyle), Amanda Gray (200 Freestyle), Annie Burton (200 Breaststroke), Emily Geiger (50 Freestyle) and

Liz Moran (200 Backstroke), contributed to the sweep by placing third in their events.

This meet ended GSU's regular season, improving their record to 7-5. "As a whole, this was our best meet of the season because it was very exciting and there were a lot of close races," said Tracy Ljone, Head Coach of the Women's Swim Team. "We have three weeks until Southern

States Championships and we will meet all three of these teams again."

The final scores of the meet were, in GSU vs University of North Florida 71-42, in GSU vs Gardner-Webb University 70-39, and in GSU vs North Carolina A&T 102-6. The Lady Eagles head to Southern States in Davidson, North Carolina on February 15-17.



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U. of Wisconsin athletes violate NCAA rules

TMS Campus

Not only did University of Wisconsin athletes receive discounts from a local shoe store but recruits also appear to have violated NCAA rules, the Wisconsin State Journal reported last week.

Several unidentified recruits who had signed letters of intent and were living on campus during the summer of 2000 received discounts, in addition to veteran players, the article stated. An internal investigation revealed that 121 players received discounts totaling more than \$23,000 after the Wisconsin State Journal broke the story last July.

The school later confirmed that student athletes had received unadvertised shoe discounts from the Shoe Box, a

shoe store located in the Madison suburb of Black Earth. The store is owned by University of Wisconsin athletic booster Steve Schmitt, who also extended athletes no-interest lines of credit on store merchandise up to \$1,000.

NCAA rules forbid athletes from receiving discounts not available to the general public.

The university required athletes to close any open accounts at the store and repay the discounts to charity. Some students were also suspended and required to perform community service.

Among the players suspended were three basketball players, including two from Wisconsin's Final Four team, 26 football players and a women's soccer player.

The Wisconsin State Journal obtained the 160-page report of the internal investigation through a public-record lawsuit. The report was turned over to the NCAA on Aug. 21 and contained information about shoe discounts to recruits.

"During the past semester, several prospects who had signed letters of intent and were living in Madison prior to initial full-time enrollment were able to purchase shoes at The Shoe Box and receive a discount similar to our athletes," The State Journal quoted the report as stating.

John Dowling, senior university legal counsel, told the State Journal that the university hasn't "been able to confirm that any recruit has been taken to The Shoe Box as part of an official [recruiting] visit."

XFL, the new extreme NFL begins Feb. 3

TMS Campus

Fourth down the most important down in football? That could be the case in the XFL.

League founder Vince McMahon wanted rules that would make the game faster, more physical and more enjoyable when the eight-team league kicks off Feb. 3. The rules, announced Tuesday, offer a blend of college football, the NFL and the Arena Football League, along with some measures the league hopes will make fourth down one of the most exciting plays in the game.

"McMahon did not like the fair catch," said Mike Keller, XFL vice president of player development. "As a result, fourth

down will be the most exciting down in the XFL. We're not going to have the fair catch, but we're going to hold in the gunners until the ball is kicked. It will give the (return) guy the chance to catch the ball without getting his clock cleaned.

"The other thing . . . is that when the ball goes past 25 yards, it's a live ball. If the ball hits the ground, no longer are you going to see a bunch of guys circling the ball waiting for it to roll dead."

And the point-after kick is dead. Instead, teams must run or pass for the point.

XFL rules require the receiver/defender to have just one foot in bounds on a reception/interception, just like in college.

Likewise, the rules governing overtime will be similar to college in that each team will take possession at the opponent's 20 (it's the 25 in college).

An old NFL rule that allowed defensive backs to employ "bump-and-run" coverage will be adopted. But there is a twist in that the offense will be allowed to run a man in forward motion outside of the tackles, as permitted in the arena league.

In an effort to shorten games, XFL teams will have 35 seconds to get a play off after the previous one is ruled dead and 25 seconds after any clock stoppage.

"We're not going to have those 31/2 and four-hour games," Keller said.

The game of soccer nominated for 2001 Nobel Peace Prize

The Associated Press

The game of soccer has been nominated for the 2001 Nobel Peace Prize for promoting understanding among nations.

Although more than a dozen fans died during stampedes and riots at games last year, Swedish lawmaker Lars Gustafsson insisted Monday that soccer helps international relations.

"Soccer has and will continue to play an important role in the

global arena, when it comes to creating understanding between people," Gustafsson wrote in his nomination letter to the Norwegian Nobel Committee in Oslo.

Sometimes, Gustafsson wrote, hostile nations meet on the soccer field when other contact would be unthinkable. He noted that Iran played the United States in the 1998 World Cup.

He said FIFA, the International

Federation of Football Associations, could accept the honor on behalf of the sport.

The nomination was one of dozens streaming into Oslo ahead of the Feb. 1 deadline. Last year, there were 150 nominations for the award, which went to South Korean President Kim Dae-jung.

The Nobel awards committee never says who has been nominated. The winner is announced in October.

Nelson wins Mastercard Senior Championship Match

The Associated Press

The Senior PGA Tour season is just one tournament old, and last year's player of the year has already sounded a warning.

Larry Nelson picked up where he left off last season Sunday by winning the MasterCard Seniors Championship with a one-stroke victory over Jim Thorpe.

"It's a good way to start the year," said Nelson, who won four of his final eight starts last season and finished second twice. "I think I'm battle-hardened already. I think it's a continuation of how I played since August."

Not exactly good news for the rest of the seniors. After a slow start, Nelson eventually finished with six victories and won \$2.7 million.

This week, he was consistent in all three rounds at the Hualalai Golf Club. He had only three bogeys, including a 41-hole stretch where he played at par or better.

But his bogey at the 438-yard 15th on Sunday almost proved disastrous. However, he recovered with a birdie on the

next hole to surge by Thorpe, who shot a closing 65.

The bogey bothered Nelson. "I was ticked," he said. "I didn't want to make any 5s at that point."

Nelson, who earned his biggest career paycheck with the win, \$240,000, shot a closing 66 and finished at 19-under-par 197 with Thorpe's 65 putting him one stroke behind.

Bruce Fleisher birdied the last two holes for a 70 and a third-place tie with Ed Dougherty (65) at 202. Gary McCord (66) and Leonard Thompson (70) tied for fifth at 204.

"I played about as good as I can play," Thorpe said. "I've been battling Larry the last six months and I just can't seem to catch him. I'd shoot a 66 and he'd shoot a 63, 64. It's been like that."

Nelson and Thorpe didn't waste any time distancing themselves from the rest of the 32-player field and turning it into a match-play format.

Both birdied three of the first four holes before Thorpe inched within a stroke with a 30-foot

eagle putt on the 538-yard seventh hole, while Nelson birdied. At the turn, Nelson was at 17 under, with Thorpe a stroke behind.

Nelson matched Thorpe's play on the par 5s and that proved to be the difference.

Nelson, three inches shorter and 50 pounds lighter, matched Thorpe's 4-under on the long holes at the 7,053-yard oceanside course.

"As long as Larry hits, I couldn't gain any ground on the par 5s," Thorpe said. "They're usually to my advantage."

After it was over, Thorpe told Nelson, "You're playing like you're broke already."

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Georgia football coach Mark Richt hires new staff

The Associated Press

New Georgia coach Mark Richt has nearly finished hiring his staff. Now he wants to make sure the Bulldogs remain on course for signing day.

Recruiting was thrown into turmoil when the Bulldogs fired Jim Donnan in early December. Richt's hiring was not announced until Dec. 26, a couple of days after Donnan coached the team in the Oahu Bowl.

Richt credited Rodney Garner, the recruiting coordinator and the only holdover from Donnan's staff, with maintaining the Bulldogs' signing efforts while the new staff was being assembled.

"Coach Garner did a great job of keeping everything together during the transition conference," Richt said. "Most of the players were open to wait and see what happened."

With little time to recruit before the Feb. 7 signing day, Richt and his staff have focused their efforts on players who were pursued by Donnan's staff. The signing class may be filled out by some junior college players, but Richt doesn't plan to rely heavily on two-year prospects.

"You definitely don't want to try to build a program that way," he said. "If you go the JUCO route too heavily, you become dependent on them because they leave in two years. We're not going to build like that."

Richt has only one apparent opening on his coaching staff, a tight end coach. He scored points with Dawg fans this week by hiring ex-Georgia player Mike Bobo as the quarterback coach.

"I wanted to have a guy who knew the ropes around here and could relate to the players and

the type of things they were going through," Richt said.

The coach also has met one-on-one with at least 30 current players, hoping to ease their fears about the transition to a new staff. He is still trying to put names with faces, but he frequently flips through the media guide to become more familiar with his team.

"For the most part, everybody wanted to feel like

The annual spring game, canceled last year because of work at Sanford Stadium, will be return this year on April 7. While Donnan made no secret of his disdain for the Red-Black game, Richt said he supports the concept, which is popular with fans and alumni.

"It's good for morale to end the spring that way," Richt said. "Divide up the team evenly and let them compete. I think the players enjoy it and the fans enjoy it. The only thing that would keep me from doing it is the amount of players available."

The Bulldogs are lacking depth in both the offensive and defensive lines. If there are injuries at those positions during spring workouts, it could alter Richt's plans.

"Hopefully, we'll have a true spring game," he said. "If not, maybe we'll play a half. We'll see where we are as far as the amount of players we have available, and go from there."

One of the most closely watched positions will be quarterback, with three-year starter Quincy Carter leaving for the NFL draft. Cory Phillips, who filled in when Carter was hurt last season, goes in as the favorite to start, but the Bulldogs have three redshirt freshmen who will get a chance to compete.

"We've got a lot of work to do," Richt said. "We want to give everybody a fair evaluation and see where we stand."

The new coach said he's been received warmly by Georgia fans, many of whom found it hard to get close to Donnan.

"When I go to the convenience store to buy Coke and pretzels, someone inevitably walks up and says hello," Richt said. "It's hard for me to hide around here."



Special Photo

THE MAN IN CHARGE: New University of Georgia Football Head Coach Mark Richt began his job in December with the task of recruiting potential players and hiring a new coaching staff, he has pretty much completed his task before the new recruit signing date of Feb. 7.

they would have an opportunity to compete for a starting position," Richt said. "I just wanted them to know they will get a fair shake, and that's all they can ask for."

So far, no one has indicated a desire to transfer, though one player may have to switch schools for academic reasons. Richt did not reveal the player's name.



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Cinema Arts: "Life is to Whistle" very relevant

By Travis Jones
Staff Writer

About a year ago, many Americans watched the tumultuous affairs surrounding a young Cuban boy, the people who wanted to keep him here in the land of the free, and the father who sought to bring him home. Many couldn't understand why the father would want to snatch his son from the arms of freedom and take him home to a state of oppression, but to the father, his relationship with his son and their identity as Cubans was who the young boy was and what made him happy. To those of us who couldn't relate to the Gonzales' story, the film "Life Is to Whistle" gives a better sense of the Cuban lifestyle and why happiness outweighs politi-

cal freedom and social success.

"Life Is to Whistle," directed by Fernando Perez, is a Cuban film that celebrates the painstaking, yet liberating search for happiness in the lives of three orphaned Havanians.

Mariana, played by Claudia Rojas, is a passionate, young dancer with an insatiable sexual appetite who makes a pact with God to never sleep with another man in exchange for the starring role in "Giselle." Mariana's struggle to keep her promise lends to her portrayal of the suffering Giselle (the character happens to be a village virgin who goes mad). Her emotional performance wins her the role and, ultimately, freedom from her lustful obsession.

The story of Julia, played by

Coralita Yeloz, adds a comedic element to the film. Julia is a shy, middle aged nurse who suffers from chronic yawning and faints when she hears the word "sex." She reluctantly seeks help for her condition, and in one of the most humorous scenes, runs through the streets with her therapist shouting evocative words that cause innocent bystanders to faint on the spot.

The most complicated story is that of bi-racial Elpidio, played by Luis Alberto Garcia. Elpidio lives as a street hustler and musician who is constantly at war with the man he has become and the "better man" his estranged mother, suggestively named Cuba, would have him be. Elpidio is forced to choose between

staying in his mother country or floating away to America with his lover, Chrissy.

The film interestingly intertwines religious themes such as faith, divine intervention, and the power of the spoken word, with the lives of normal, earthly characters. God is portrayed as a loving, helpful young lady who accomplishes her will through angelic taxi drivers.

The strikingly realistic characters and converging, complex storylines are strong points that make up for shortcomings in plot development. The scenic streets and lively Latin music of Bennie More add realism and flavor to this fantasy about finding perfect happiness within ourselves, imperfect as we may be.

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Georgia Satellites to blow roof off Horizons

By Tim Prizer
Lifestyles Editor

They have a sassy twang about them that rivals that of David Allen Coe, and their scorching guitar parts are reminiscent of metal gods AC/DC. They tear through their powerful anthems like men on fire, and the only way to extinguish the flame is to keep on doing the only thing they know how to do: playing the music that reproduces inside of them, that sprouts from their roots in the deep South.

Thursday night, the Georgia Satellites will play right here in

Statesboro at Horizons on Lanier Drive. This will be the first time that the band has appeared in Statesboro in several years, and it may very well be the most exciting musical event Statesboro has seen since... well, since the last time the Satellites were here.

Forming originally in 1980, the band began writing material in Atlanta under the name Keith and the Satellites, named after Keith Christopher, who shared the band with Dan Baird, Rick Richards, and David Michaelson. Since then, the band has reformed and re-

formed again, releasing just a few records in their long career.

Though they have been through numerous lineup changes, the Georgia Satellites have remained a band that defines just what makes classic rock so "classic." On a daily basis, one can turn on any classic rock station on the FM dial and hear the aforementioned sass in the form of the famous line, "My honey, my baby, don't put my love upon no shelf/She said don't hand me no lines and keep your hands to yourself."

That's right, these guys are the ones who wrote that famous line, and it appeared on their self-titled debut in 1986. Practically all of their albums since then are unattainable now in the States, with the exception of "Let It Rock," a collection of their greatest hits. Other records like "Open All Night," "Keep the Faith," "In the Land of Salvation and Sin," and the most recent, 1996's "Shaken Not Stirred," are either out-of-print or only available overseas.

Aside from "Keep Your Hands to Yourself," the Georgia Satellites most successful song may be "Hippy Hippy Shake," which appeared on the soundtrack for the 1988 Tom Cruise movie, "Cocktail."

The band's current lineup consists of Rick Richards (the only faithful Satellite) on vocals and lead guitar, Rick Price on vocals and bass, and Billy Pitts on drums.

The Georgia Satellites are as tight as ever and the music is as blistering as it was when they formed in that little garage in Atlanta some 21 years ago. Needless to say, that garage no longer stands. They blew the roof off of that place years ago. Look out, Horizons, and pray that it doesn't rain.

Tickets can be purchased today at Horizons and Cloud 9 for \$10, and they will be available at the door Thursday for \$12.

Gallery 303 features new display of paintings

By T. McDonald
Staff Writer

Art patrons in Statesboro need no longer travel to Savannah in order to view the work of accomplished artists. Georgia Southern's own Gallery 303, located on the third floor of the Foy Fine Arts Center, debuted a brand new exhibit on Thursday showcasing the work of four professional painters and photographers.

On display are oil and acrylic paintings, and prints and photographic assemblages. The most simplistic of the pieces, though certainly not the least stimulating, come from Phyllis Stapler and Barry Wilson. To create their beautiful representations of animals and nature scenes, they use acrylic paints and linoleum prints.

Those attracted to more surreal art will revel in the work of Julia Kjelgaard, a professor of Art at Emory University in Atlanta. She uses oil paints in the current Gallery 303 exhibit to create sweeping and colorful panoramas. "Day and Night/Convergence" is especially memorable. Art students interested in Kjelgaard's work should be aware that she will be guest lecturing in selected art classes at Georgia Southern in the near future.

Also offering surreal, even somewhat macabre work is photographer/artist Marty Fromm, whose work is reminiscent of classic Boris Karloff-style horror. Photography is only the beginning with Mr. Fromm, as his work is framed with complex designs, artificially weathered to set the overall tone. Be sure to check out his especially striking "Majestic."

There is a lot of talent on display at Foy's Gallery 303, so be sure and stop by before the exhibit closes on February 2nd. The works are available for viewing Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.



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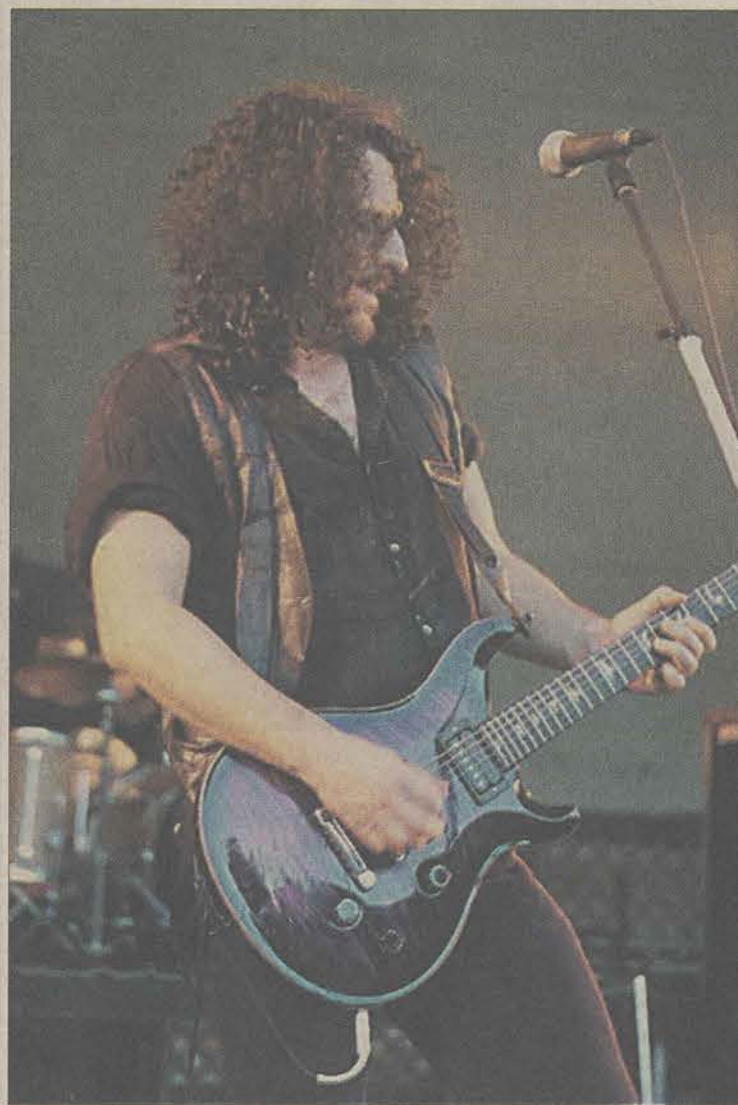
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